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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.191**

Applicant respectfully appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated March 26, 2002 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 8, 10-13, 15, 16, 18-20, 29, and 30.

Enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is a petition to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for two months, to and including August 26, 2002.

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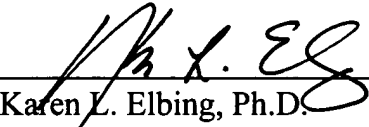
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Respectfully submitted,

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